

TranPlan 21 Amendment Public Opinion Questionnaire

This TranPlan 21 Amendment process will ensure that Montana's statewide transportation policy plan complies with the new federal planning requirements of SAFETEA-LU. MDT feels strongly about providing the public with opportunities to comment on our projects and efforts and, as such, has put together a short survey as a tool for the public to provide input on this limited amendment effort. This survey focuses on two new requirements that most directly impact the public:

- 1) ***Transportation system security*** requiring that the transportation planning process includes strategies to increase security of the transportation system for all users.
- 2) ***Enhanced visualization techniques*** or using public involvement techniques that promote improved understanding of transportation plans and programs.

We have also included an open-ended question for you to comment on other transportation planning issues that are important to you.

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Questionnaire

1. The following areas could be considered transportation problems in Montana. Please tell us if you think each of the following is:

- 1 not a problem
- 2 small problem
- 3 moderate problem
- 4 serious problem
- 5 don't know

_____ Traffic congestion
_____ Timely resolution of safety issues
_____ Too many access points (including driveways) onto major roads
_____ Number of vehicles with only one occupant

- _____ Availability of public transit within cities
- _____ Number and condition of rest areas
- _____ Adequate road signs
- _____ Availability of public transit between cities
- _____ Bicycle and pedestrian safety surrounding schools serving kindergarten through 8th grade
- _____ Consistency between state transportation improvements and local planned growth
- _____ Lack of alternate routes for major roadways
- _____ Too many unconnected roads such as dead ends and cul de sacs
- _____ Adequate response to emergency situations
- _____ Roadway pavement condition
- _____ Negative impacts to the environment

2. From the following list, please indicate which would provide the most transportation security benefit. Prioritize in order of importance with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important.

- _____ Availability of alternative routes
- _____ Good communication and coordination with other agencies
- _____ Good communication with the public using advanced technologies
- _____ Good emergency response plans
- _____ Having fewer unconnected roads such as dead ends and cul de sacs.

3. Please prioritize the following items according to how important they are to the transportation system security with 1 being the most important and 5 the least important.

- _____ Interstate highways
- _____ Other major highways
- _____ Border crossings
- _____ Airports
- _____ Transit facilities

4. It is important to MDT that we obtain customer input to help us develop our policy plan and to guide us in planning and implementing our projects. Which of the following communication methods are most useful to you? Please rank them from 1 to 6 with 1 being most useful and 6 being least useful.

- _____ Toll-free call-in number
- _____ E-mail and Web site
- _____ Print and broadcast media
- _____ Public meetings in your community
- _____ Surveys
- _____ Special mailings (brochures, newsletters, postcards, etc.)

5. Which of the following are most useful in helping you understand MDT's proposed plans and projects? Rank them from 1 to 6 with 1 being the most helpful and 6 the least helpful.

- _____ Web site
- _____ Maps
- _____ Pictures and graphs
- _____ Brochures
- _____ Newsletters
- _____ Advanced technology such as computer simulation software displays

Please share any comments or suggestions on the questions in this survey, MDT's customer service, or other transportation planning issues.

Transportation Safety:

Condition of Montana's Transportation System:

Strategies to Ensure the System Operates Efficiently:

Transportation Security:

Other:
